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USSR TERRITORIAL-ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (10)

[Comment: The following territorial-administrative changes were reported in the Soviet daily press and in *Vedomosti Verkhovnogo Soveta SSSR* during September and October 1955. The dates of the ukases are given when available.

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

## GENERAL

The abolition of rayons in small cities reported in USSR Territorial-Administrative Changes (9), is continuing (see entries under Azerbaydzhan SSR, Lithuanian SSR, RSFSR, and Uzbek SSR, below).

Further support for this trend was given by an article appearing in *Partiynaya Zhizn'*, organ of the Central Committee of the CPSU, entitled "Small Cities Do Not Need Rayon Divisions." F. Barutkin, author of the article and head of a section the Party Committee of Novo-Zlatoustskiy Rayon (in Zlatoust), stated: "The work of improving and reducing the administrative apparatus has only just begun. Although many unnecessary, superfluous links have already been eliminated, resulting in a considerable saving, we must not stop here, but must confidently proceed further."

Barutkin, using the city of Zlatoust as an example, indicated that all important decisions are made by city organs and that rayon organs either handle minor questions or duplicate the work done by the city organization. Therefore, he recommended the rayon divisions should be eliminated, thus strengthening the city organization, liquidating lack of personal responsibility and parallelism in work, and freeing a large number of experienced personnel to be used to better advantage elsewhere.(1)

## AZERBAYDZHAN SSR

The Presidium, Supreme Soviet Azerbaydzhan SSR, has issued ukases making the following territorial-administrative changes:

By a 12 August 1955 ukase, the village (seleniye) of Kakhi, Kakhskiy Rayon, was designated a city-type settlement.(2)

By a 24 September 1955 ukase, the proposal of the Council of Ministers was approved, abolishing Khillinskiy Rayon and transferring its territory to Neftechalinskiy Rayon, and transferring Kholkarabudzhakskiy Village Soviet to the administrative subordination of Sal'yanskiy Rayon Soviet and the grain sovkhozes of the Ministry of State Farms Azerbaydzhan SSR located in Khillinskiy Rayon to the administrative subordination of Khyrmandalinskiy Village Soviet, Masallinskiy Rayon.

By a 26 September 1955 ukase, the proposal of the Council of Ministers Azerbaydzhan SSR was approved, abolishing Kaganovichskiy Rayon of the city of Baku and transferring its territory to Ordzhonikidzevskiy Rayon, also of Baku.(3)

By a 3 October 1955 ukase, the proposal of the republic Council of Ministers was approved, breaking up Mashtaginskiy Rayon of the city of Baku for the purpose of radically improving the supervision of kolkhozes and regulating services for the people of settlements and villages (seleniyes) located in the vicinity of Baku. The following were transferred from Mashtaginskiy Rayon:

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Zyrinskiy and Kyshlakskiy village soviets, transferred to Artemovskiy Rayon;

Mardakyanskiy Settlement Soviet and Tyurkyanskiy Village Soviet, transferred to Azizbekovskiy Rayon;

Dig'yakhskiy, Binagadinskiy, Khyrdalanskiy, and Geokmalinskiy settlement soviets and Masazyrskiy, Novkhaninskiy and Fatmainkiy village soviets, transferred to Kirovskiy Rayon;

Kobinskiy and Gyuzdekskiy settlement soviets, transferred to Molotovskiy Rayon;

Govsanskiy Village Soviet, transferred to Ordzhonikidzevskiy Rayon;

Mamedlinskiy Village Soviet, transferred to Leninskiy Rayon.

Buzovninskiy, Bil'gyakhskiy, Mashtaginskiy, and Kyurdakhaninskiy settlement soviets and Nardaranskiy and Pirshaginskiy village soviets were retained in Mashtaginskiy Rayon.

This same ukase abolished Buzovnyeftinskiy Settlement Soviet of Azizbekovskiy Rayon, Baku, and transferred its territory to Buzovninskiy Settlement Soviet, Mashtaginskiy Rayon, and abolished Staro-Bininskiy Settlement Soviet of Mashtaginskiy Rayon, Baku, and transferred its territory to Bininskiy Settlement Soviet, Azizbekovskiy Rayon, Baku.

The ukase also provided for the following changes:

Transfer of the petroleum workers' settlement of Sulutepe from Gadzhigasanskiy Settlement Soviet to Khyradalanskiy Settlement Soviet;

Removal of Govsanskiy Viniculture Sovkhoz of the Workers' Supply Administration, Ministry of the Petroleum Ministry Azerbaydzhan SSR, from Govsanskiy Village Soviet, Ordzhonikidzevskiy Rayon, Baku, and its inclusion in Tyurkyanskiy Village Soviet, Azizbekovskiy Rayon, naming it Tyurkyanskiy Viniculture Sovkhoz;

Establishing of the boundary between Shuvelyanskiy and Mardakyanskiy settlement soviets along the electric railroad line;

Transfer to Kyshlakskiy Village Soviet, Artemovskiy Rayon, Baku, of the territory of the port of Apsheronskiy now under construction, and the settlement (otselok) of Dyubyandy and to Zyrinskiy Village Soviet, the territory of fisheries No 17 and No 18;

Designation as a city-type settlement (poseleniye) of the new settlement (poselok) of petroleum workers of "Gyurgyanneft" petroleum industry administration, changing its name to Gyurgyan;

Formation of Gyurgyanskiy Settlement Soviet in Artemovskiy Rayon with its center in Gyurgyan and including in it the territory of the city-type settlement of Gyurgyan, Apsheronskiy Lighthouse, and the territory within the limits of the southeastern extremities of the Apsheronskiy peninsula.(4)

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## KAZAKH SSR

The Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, by a 3 October 1955 ukase, included the territory of the newly organized Shuyskiy Grain Sovkhoz within Makeyevskiy Village Soviet, Atbasarskiy Rayon, Akmolinskaya Oblast.(5)

By ukases of 10 October 1955, the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, instituted the following territorial-administrative changes.

In Mendygarskiy Rayon, Kustanayskaya Oblast --

Kzyl-Tuskiy Aul Soviet was abolished and its territory transferred to Sosnovskiy Village Soviet;

The territory of Kolkhoz imeni Molotov was transferred from Tenizovskiy Aul Soviet to Dolbushinskiy Village Soviet;

The center of Tenizovskiy Aul Soviet was transferred from the populated point of Ayak-Maldybay to the populated point of Novo-Nikolayevka;

The center of Pervomayskiy Village Soviet was transferred from the populated point of Ivanovka to the populated point of Chernyshevka.

In Karkaralinskiy Rayon, Karagandinskaya Oblast --

Kulbodinskiy and Bes-Obinskiy aul soviets were combined into one aul soviet named Tegisshildybskiy, with its center in the populated point of Tegisshildyk;

Enbekskiy and Komsomol'skiy aul soviets were combined into one aul soviet named Enbekskiy;

Temirshinskiy Aul Soviet was abolished and Karagash Kolkhoz was transferred from it to the administrative service of Aktaylakskiy Aul Soviet and Topar Kolkhoz, to Tel'manskiy Aul Soviet;

Serikskiy and Milybulakskiy aul soviets were combined into one aul soviet named Kaynarbulakskiy with its center in the populated point of Kaynarbulak.(6)

By a 19 October 1955 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, the rayon center of Bukhtarminskiy Rayon, Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast, was transferred from Ust' -Bukhtarm Village to Serebryanka Settlement.(7)

By a 21 October 1955 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, the territory of Molodezhnyy Grain Sovkhoz was transferred from Sovetskiy Rayon to Bulayevskiy Rayon, Severo-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast. This same ukase transferred the territory of Shorsovskiy Grain Sovkhoz from Enbekshil'derskiy Rayon to Shchuchinskiy Rayon, both of Kokchetavskaya Oblast.(8)

## LITHUANIAN SSR

By ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Lithuanian SSR, Leninskiy, Pozhelskiy, and Stalinskiy rayons of the city of Kaunas were abolished.(2)

By ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Lithuanian SSR, the village of Nemenchine, Nemenchinskiy Rayon, was designated a city of rayon subordination.(9)

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In connection with the abolition of rayon prosecutors' offices in the city of Vil'nyus, prosecutor supervision over the entire city will be exercised by the city prosecutor's office. (10)

[Comment: In view of the current trend, this notice perhaps indicates that rayons in the city of Vil'nyus may have been abolished or may be abolished in the near future.]

## RSFSR

The Presidium, Supreme Soviet RSFSR, has issued ukases for the following territorial-administrative changes:

By an 11 August 1955 ukase, Saralinskiy Rayon, Khakasskaya Autonomous Oblast, Krasnoyarskiy Kray, was renamed Ordzhonikidzevskiy Rayon.

By an 18 August 1955 ukases, workers' settlement of Novaya Pis'myanka, Novo-Pis'myanskiy Rayon, Tatarskaya ASSR, was designated a city of republic (ASSR) subordination and renamed Leninogorsk. Novo-Pis'myanskiy Rayon was renamed Leninogorskiy Rayon. (11)

By 25 August 1955 ukases, Alzamay Workers' Settlement, Alzamayskiy Rayon, Irkutskaya Oblast, and Vorsma Workers' Settlement, Pavlovskiy Rayon, Gor'kovskaya Oblast, were designated cities of rayon subordination.

By a 15 September 1955 ukase, the workers' settlement of Siniy Shikhan, Kvarkenskiy Rayon, Chkalovskaya Oblast, was designated a rural settlement (sel'skoye poseleniye) and transferred to Bredinskiy Rayon, Chelyabinskaya Oblast.

By ukase of 20 September 1955, Pikhtovskiy Rayon, Novosibirskaya Oblast, was abolished and its territory transferred to Kolyvanskiy Rayon, and Alan'skiy Rayon, Severo-Osetinskaya ASSR, was abolished and its territory transferred to the administrative subordination of Malobek City Soviet. (2)

By a 30 September 1955 ukase, Kudymarskiy Rayon, Komi-Permyatskiy National Okrug, Molotovskaya Oblast, was abolished and its territory transferred to the administrative subordination of Kudymkar City Soviet.

By a 30 September 1955 ukase, the following rayons of Kirovskaya Oblast were abolished --

Biserovskiy Rayon, its territory transferred to Zyuzdinskiy Rayon;

Buyskiy Rayon, its territory transferred to Urzhumskiy and Lebyazhskiy rayons;

Korlyakovskiy Rayon, its territory transferred to Sanchurskiy and Kiknurskiy rayons;

Kyrchanskiy Rayon, its territory transferred to Molotovskiy and Nemskiy rayons;

Mukhinskiy Rayon, its territory transferred to Zuyevskiy Rayon;

Novo-Troitskiy Rayon, its territory transferred to Shabalinskiy and Chernovskiy Rayons;

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Polomskiy Rayon, its territory transferred to Belokholunitskiy and Nagorskiy rayons;

Porezskiy Rayon, its territory transferred to Uninskiy and Nemskiy Rayons;

Rozhkinskiy Rayon, its territory transferred to Malmyzhskiy and Shurminskiy rayons;

Shestakovskiy Rayon, its territory transferred to Slobodskiy, Nagorskiy, and Belokholunitskiy rayons.

By a 6 October 1955 ukase, the workers' settlement of Svetlyy of the suburban zone of Kaliningrad, Kaliningradskaya Oblast, was designated a city of rayon subordination.

By a 7 October 1955 ukase, the following rayons of Arkhangel'skaya Oblast were abolished --

Maymaksanskiy and Pervomayskiy rayons in the city of Arkhangel'sk, their territory transferred to Lomaxovskiy, Oktyabr'skiy and Solombal'skiy rayons;

Nizhne-Pechorskiy Rayon, Nenetskiy National Okrug, its territory transferred to the administrative subordination of Nar'yan-Mar City Soviet;

Arkhangel'skiy Rayon, its territory, transferred to Primorskiy Rayon.

By this ukase the city of Arkhangel'sk was approved as the center of Primorskiy Rayon.

By a 15 October 1955 ukase, Tsuntinskiy Rayon was again organized in Dagestanskaya ASSR with its center in the village (seleniye) of Bezhta and including Bezhtinskiy, Kiderinskiy, and Tlyadal'skiy village soviets of Tlyaratinskiy Rayon.(12)

The Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR, issued a ukase approving the proposal of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet RSFSR, transferring the oblast center of Kamenskaya Oblast from the city of Kamensk-Shakhtinskiy to the city of Shakhty.(2)

#### TADZHIK SSR

By a 2 September 1955 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Tadzhik SSR, the city of Novabad was designated a city of rayon subordination.(2)

By a 14 September 1955 ukase, the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Tadzhik SSR, abolished the following rayons --

Dzhilikul'skiy Rayon, with the territory of Stakhanovskiy and Surkh village (kishlak) soviets transferred to Kaganovichabadskiy Rayon, and Akteri and Voroshilovskiy village (kishlak) soviets transferred to Molotovabadskiy Rayon;

Shaartuzskiy Rayon, its territory transferred to Mikoyanabadskiy Rayon;

Koktashskiy Rayon, its territory transferred to Stalinabadskiy Rayon.

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By a 14 September 1955 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Tadzhik SSR, the administrative center of Mikoyanabadskiy Rayon was transferred to the settlement of Shaartuz and the name changed to Mikoyanabad.(12)

By a 28 September 1955 ukase, the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Tadzhik SSR, abolished Tovil' -Dorinskiy Rayon. The territory of Sagirdasht and Pushtarak village (kishlak) soviets was included within Kalay-Khumbskiy Rayon, and the territory of Gurkham, Deykalon, Khamdora, and Chil'dora village soviets was included within Komsomolabadskiy Rayon.(13)

#### UKRAINIAN SSR

By ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Ukrainian SSR, the name of Golovchintsy village, Zhmerinskiy Rayon, Vinnitskaya Oblast, was changed to Karmalyukovo, and the name of Golovchinskiy Village Soviet, to Karmalyukovskiy Village Soviet.(14)

#### UZBEK SSR

By a 28 September 1955 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Uzbek SSR, the following rayons in the city of Samarkand were abolished: Bagi-Shamal'skiy Rayon, Zheleznodorozhnyy Rayon, and Siabskiy Rayon.(12)

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